

## FRYAN UNIVERSITY UNIQUE IN EDUCATION FIELD

*Judson A. Rudd, President*

Planned as a memorial to the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan, at the conclusion of a court case unique in history, the University has been a unique school from the beginning. Some thought the school would simply capitalize on the name of Mr. Bryan and the cause for which he gave his life here in Dayton, but in other respects be just another college. Some thought Mr. Bryan's friends would give so generously that the school would be a "hot-house plant," lacking in the courage, force, and vigor that characterized Mr. Bryan. Others saw visions and dreamed dreams of a school that was the living embodiment of one of the most unusual and forceful characters of modern times. Such a school would possess inherent merits like Mr. Bryan did to make it outstanding in its own right. But most important, to those who had faith in the vision, was that intangible and yet vital trust in a super natural Book and in the Lord Jesus Christ revealed therein. A school bathed in the atmosphere of "The Old Book" and wholly surrendered to the cause of Christ is even more distinctive than the unique case in history. Certainly, such a school has a claim on the blessings of God and on those who call themselves Christians.

Opened in the Court house where Mr. Bryan engaged the modernists and atheists in combat, using the building, and even the very class-

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## Gospel Singers Tour In Making

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All indications now are that the Male Quartet will begin its tour through the eastern states on or about June eighteenth, carrying their message in word and song into parts of Tennessee, the Carolinas, the Virginias, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. Personnel of the group includes Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overlin, and Messrs. Frank Brill, Ian Hay, and Dean Risser.

The Ladies' Quartette will very likely include in its tour portions of Tennessee, Kentucky, Western West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana. The members of the Quartette are the Misses LaVerne Howland, Wanita King, Janice Lien, and Catherine Marshall. Accompanist for the group is Miss Jacquelyn Howell. It has not yet been definitely determined which member of the University staff will be with the group, but it is quite likely that a portion of the program will include the showing of Kodachrome color slides of life on and about Bryan Hill.

## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

On Easter Sunday, the Student Pastor's Fellowship sponsored a simple, but very beautiful sunrise service. Gathered on the eastern slope of the hill between the Octagon and the Administration Building, the Bryan Family met to celebrate the resurrection of the King of Kings, that altogether lovely One, even our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

As the sun rose above the mountain, how our hearts were thrilled as we looked forward to the day when "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the

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## BRYAN BIRTHDAY ECHOES

*Portland, Oregon*

I have not been able before to send financial aid though I believe heartily in your school. I am sure it must be a character-builder as well as spiritual and intellectual developer.

*Murphy, North Carolina*

Thinking of Mr. Bryan's birthday reminds us of him... and his being a staunch man of God. He said, "If they don't quit teaching evolution as a fact in the schools and colleges of America, we are going to raise a nation of atheists." Tell the boys and girls at Bryan today when they go out in the world tomorrow they will find this terrible monster has also crept into the churches. We must fight this monster which has wound its arms around the schools, colleges, home, government, and now it is winding its way into the pulpits of our churches.

*Cheraw, South Carolina*

My heart is in all true Christian work, and especially in Christian education for our youth... When you have your day of prayer, please pray that our town may have a revival and a Youth for Christ meeting.

*Forest Hills, New York*

William Jennings Bryan I have loved for many years. What made him great, wonderful, and stand out—he was a "Christian."

*Cranbury, New Jersey*

Just a small gift... but a loud Amen to my faith in the Word of God and in William Jennings Bryan and your school. My late father, a most devout Christian, so truly admired Mr. Bryan.

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## God Above All

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## PASTOR THORNTON GUEST SPEAKER

From his rich experience of forty-three years in the Lord's work, Pastor J. B. Thornton, Hope Church, St. Louis, Missouri, brought to Bryan students vivid accounts of the numberless blessings which are to be had by a complete yielding to the Lord, and an intimate day by day walk with Him.

Mr. Thornton emphasized again and again the need for reading and re-reading God's Holy Word. At a meeting of the Pastor's Fellowship, Pastor Thornton reiterated a fact which he had so often stressed—that the secret of a successful Christian life and ministry lies in a knowledge of the Bible.

On the day of prayer, Mr. Van Eddings of the Orinoco River Mission of Venezuela, South America, told of the marvelous works of a prayer-answering God. From various prayer-passages in the Scriptures, Mr. Thornton brought a message of exhortation to pray "as we ought."

Surely God was good in sending to us these laborers of His who so blessed our hearts.—F. C.

## CAMPUS CLEANUP

Can you picture this?

A bit of sunshine, plenty of breeze,  
Much ado about — a lot of leaves!  
Plenty of ambition to handle the  
rakes.

Up and at 'em! (Don't lean hard!  
Rakes break!)

Students are out to

Clean up the campus!

Look at this group, and listen to that.  
Everyone's busy, but never mind that!  
A sound from the kitchen, and all  
work will cease.

New calm settles down and a definite  
peace

Until lunch is over, then at it again!  
Please, sir, this continued till the  
campus was clean.

P. S. This is an acrostic. Try it.  
—F. C.

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## FACULTY WALLOPS

### STUDENTS

At least one good walloping has been handed to Bryan Students by their dignified and august faculty, somewhat less dignified, however, in basketball attire than in classroom. And regardless of how the faculty limped or leaned the following day, the score remains the same. It has been reported that Prof. Fish failed in his attempts to use psychology on the ball (English is required, you know) and that President Rudd, who suddenly became all arms, forgot to wear his headgear. Dean Uphouse arrived well prepared, with a kerchief on his head and a box of band-aids in his hand. He apparently kept the basket pretty well bandaged, too, judging by the score 27-10. Dean Ryther wanted to give a minus 1 for every basket the all-comers made. But the thriller of the evening came when Mr. Williamson grabbed the ball on the foul line and hied himself wide around right end in as beautiful a run as was seen all evening.

Pardon us—we forgot to add that Coach Draper, of the local high school, also played with the faculty. But he doesn't count. After all, he made only sixteen points!

## JUNIORS FETED BY SENIORS

Pre-graduation social functions were introduced on the evening of April third, when the senior class entertained the juniors at a picnic on the banks of Sale Creek, some nine miles from Dayton. Present for the occasion were some thirty-six members of the University family, who enjoyed the outdoor games and appropriate refreshments.

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voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:16, 17.) Hallelujah! What a Saviour!—R. C.

### PROGRAM

Trumpet Call  
Hymn ..... "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
Invocation ..... President Judson A. Rudd  
Girls' Trio ..... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
Misses Lee Moreland, Virginia Oakley,  
Suzanne Miller  
Hymn ..... "He Lives"  
Scripture ..... Rev. Norman Uphouse  
Message ..... Rev. Earl Williamson  
Male Quartet ..... "Christ Arose"  
Messrs. W. Overlin, C. Brickel, K. Marken  
and Robert Collitt  
Benediction ..... Prof. Lloyd E. Fish



## ANNUITY GIFTS HELP

After receiving from interested friends a number of inquiries in regard to annuities and after considering the matter from various angles, it was finally decided to accept annuity gifts on the same conservative terms and at rates being offered by others accepting annuity money.

As much as we have needed money for the completion of the memorial building, we feel that it is unwise to use annuity gifts for the erection of buildings constructed particularly for school purposes. Instead, we adopted the policy of investing all annuity money in the construction of modern homes for our staff members on what is probably the best location for homes in or around Dayton, which is right in the heart of the great Tennessee Valley development area. Until we have accepted enough annuity gifts for an actuary to calculate accurately the portion of annuity money amounting to outright gifts, we are investing 100% of such annuity gifts and using none for operating expenses.

Since the homes constructed with annuity money for staff members help the University housing problem, friends making annuity gifts are helping the cause of Christ here at Bryan University while helping themselves in making a wise investment. Rates vary with the age of the annuitant, 2.5% being paid to persons now 35 years of age or under, 4% to persons 50 years of age, 5.5% to persons 70 years of age, 7% to persons 80 years of age and over. Proportionate rates are offered to persons of other ages between 35 and 80 years of age.

Construction of homes for staff members has been hindered by government restrictions and by shortage of building materials. However, good progress has been made in Faculty Village. One staff family is comfortably housed in a new five room home, a second family is living in the nicely equipped basement of another home, pending completion of the superstructure this Spring; a third staff family is in a new home, financed by a short-term loan of annuity funds, on their own building lot adjoining the

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campus. In addition, two more homes are under construction, with the expectation that they will be ready for occupancy by the Fall term in September. Construction may be started on yet one more home.

If you are interested in knowing more about annuities, rates, and faculty housing, please write the University. Inquiries are welcomed. Annuity contracts will be sent promptly, and funds will be returned to any individual not satisfied with the contracts when received.

### THE GREATEST LOVE GIVEN FOR EASTER

H. W. Petrie's inspiring cantata, "The Greatest Love," was the music department's choice for the annual Easter Cantata this year and was sung very well, indeed, by a choir of some thirty-five or forty voices, with solo parts rendered by Mrs. Flo Collitt, Misses Della Huck, Lee Moreland, Suzanne Miller, and Messrs. John Lacey, Walter Overlin, Hugh Coombs, and Robert Collitt.

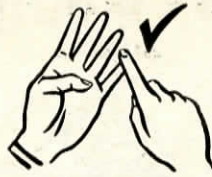
The first part of the program included a clarinet duet by Miss Mildred McBride and Mr. Bruce Brickel, and a violin solo, a transcription arranged by Prof. Stock and Mrs. Morrow, of the University music department. Miss Lavana Fuller brought the message in Scripture, and Mr. Gerald Teeter delivered a brief Gospel message as he lighted the candles. Prof. Paul D. Stock and Mrs. Ruth Stock Morrow were director and accompanist for the evening.

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room and laboratory desk where Scopes taught Evolution, teaching instead the Genesis account of creation in a Bible class, meeting in the science room—all these things have been the ground for much publicity given the school.

What are the important advantages that Bryan University has over other schools besides the ones already mentioned? Perhaps foremost is the ideal location of the school in an area where the students can secure unmatched experience and training in Christian service. With the modern city of Dayton and the heart of the T.V.A. development at one extreme, one finds rich valley farmers, moderately well-to-do hill and mountain farmers in between, and the typical mountaineers at the other extreme, all within Rhea County. Truly, this is an ideal place of training for Christian service for any field in the whole world.

The Newsette



### GOLDS WIN IN AFTER DINNER SPEECHES

The first of the actual forensic activities in the annual Scarlet-Gold contest was the after-dinner speeches held on the night of the fifth. Victory went to the Golds, with Bob Collitt winning over George Birch. Both students are veterans, and both chose semi-military topics, the winner's having to do with G. I. life after the glories of war are gone, the loser choosing to point out the change in our daily language, brought about by G. I. *slanguage*. Both speakers, we might add, were definitely *on the beam*.

### DUO-PIANISTS PLEASE

Disappointed that illness had made it impossible for Walter Piasecki, concert violinist, to keep his engagement at the University, a large audience of students, staff members, and friends were more than delighted at the delightfully entertaining concert provided by the artists who were substituted.

Mrs. Dorothy Bechtel and Mrs. Edith Steinmets, duo-pianists, from New York, delighted their hearers with their instrumental ability and with friendly personalities which removed the stiff formality that frequently separates artist from audience and leaves nothing to join them but the music itself.

Drawing from a variety of composers, including Bach, Orensky, Rachmaninoff, Strauss, and others, they played as one person, with perfect timing, yet with none of the mechanical quality that might be expected when such timing is an essential. Theirs was truly an enjoyable performance, well rendered and well received.

### SOPHOMORES GIVE INTER-COM

The up-and-doing Sophs have stepped out once again, this time with an early presentation of a novel and useful project—an inter-com system that will save both steps and time for heavily loaded workers. The sub-stations in the girls' dormitory and in the kitchen have already proved their worth, and it is expected that additional sub-stations will soon be secured, until individuals in any part of the building can be reached.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

The members of Gideon's Band are contributing at the rate of \$414.99 per month, the members of the Home Front Army at the rate of \$82.49 per month, for a combined total of \$497.48 per month.

### THE TRUMPET CALL



for BIBLE BELIEVERS  
to SHOW THEIR COLORS

by  
BUILDING BRYAN UNIVERSITY  
SUPPORTING  
CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION  
WE NEED REGULAR  
CONTRIBUTORS!!!!

#### GOALS FOR JUNE 1, 1947

1. A GIDEON'S BAND  
5 to give \$25.00 a month, or MORE  
10 to give \$20.00 a month  
20 to give \$15.00 a month  
40 to give \$10.00 a month
2. A HOME-FRONT ARMY  
75 to give \$5.00 a month  
250 to give \$2.00 a month  
500 to give \$1.00 a month

William Jennings Bryan heard the Call.  
He kept the Faith! What about you?  
Will you let the world know that you believe the Bible to be the Word of God?

For the Scripture saith, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed."  
—Rom. 10:11.

### THEY HEARD THE CALL GIDEON'S BAND

17. Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Carnahan.
- HOME FRONT ARMY
33. A Friend.
34. Miss Laurine Kolderup.
35. A Friend.
36. A Friend.
37. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weniger.
38. Mrs. E. G. Cherry.

### SCARLETS DEFEAT GOLDS IN FINAL GAMES

Scarlet men ran roughshod over the Golds in the last of the three-game series which determines the champions for the season. With Holmes salting away 22 points (4 more than the entire Gold team) and Hay placing second with 10, Bruce Brickel's 8 and Hoyt's 7 were not sufficient to keep the game exciting.

The Golden lassies almost, but not quite, turned the tables on the Scarlet squad, despite Betty Thompson's 15 points out of the Scarlet total of 22. Ella Lee Hall brought her team to a close 21 with 12 points to her credit.

The outcome of the evening left the Scarlets with a total of 40 forensic points to the Gold's 20.

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## Colonel Miles Speaker

Bryan University was privileged to have as a recent visitor and guest speaker Colonel F. J. Miles of London, England, International Secretary and founder of the Russian Missionary Society.

The messages given were for the admonition and edification of all who heard. Do Christians in our great country appreciate God's Word as they should? Do we share His Word as we should? Russian Christians learned great passages of Scripture so that they would have His Word in their hearts, should their Bibles be destroyed. As soon as Russian soldiers were taken prisoner in Finland during the battle over that little country, the Russians were given New Testaments in their own language; thus the precious seed was sown in the hearts of the enemy, and would eventually be taken back to Russia.

Colonel Miles insisted that the Christian should look to himself to see that his life is pleasing to Christ; that he is thoroughly studying God's Word; and that he is living the resurrection life, reflecting the joy of the risen and victorious Christ.—F. C.

## PLANT and PROPERTY FUND REPORT

Balance (March 1st).....	\$11,701.12
Building Fund Receipts:	
Rec. No. 333-366.....	358.50
5% Gift Income.....	191.98
	<u>\$12,249.60</u>
Less expenditures .....	435.76
Balance (March 31st).....	\$11,813.84

## HERE'S THAT STORK AGAIN!



To Rev. and Mrs. Clyde W. Brogan '44, ex '46, on March 18th, Dallas, Texas, Larry Douglas, almost eight pounds—and just one day late for the Bryan Banquet. Too bad, Larry, we'll be looking for you in a few years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Groff L. Penick ex '40, on March 20th, Bethlehem, Penn., David Wilbur, seven pounds, and an ounce to spare—just one day late for Mr. Bryan's birthday.

Best wishes and hearty congratulations to all of you.

## STUDENTS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Though there is but one official day off between Winter and Spring Quarters on Bryan Hill, quite a number of students found it convenient to enjoy rush trips home or with friends. Seemed almost natural to have the Bryan Family down to about the number we had for so long a time—less than a hundred. But it seemed better to have all of them back again.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Am very much interested in your great work at Bryan. Am asking our blessed Lord to... complete the building. He is able, for the wealth of the world is His...

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

We of the Church of the Open Door rejoice in the work you are doing, and we pray that God will "do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," through the ministry of the Bryan University, in the year of our Lord, 1947.  
Wheaton College

It has just come to my attention that you are having your birthday celebration this week. Please accept our warmest congratulations and best wishes on the good work that God has committed in your hands.

Be sure that He suffers not His faithfulness to fail. We shall be trusting with you for the supply of every material need. I am enclosing a little gift from Mrs. Edman and me which we hope will arrive for the "Praise Service" on Wednesday night. "It is always too soon to quit" has become a by-word here on Wheaton campus, and is the basis of the little Chapel talk on "The Discipline of Determination" that I enclose for you.

## PRAYER AND EFFORT

On one of D. L. Moody's journeys across the Atlantic there was a fire in the hold of the ship. The crew and some volunteers stood in line to pass buckets of water. A friend said to D. L. Moody, "Mr. Moody, let us go to the other end of the ship and engage in prayer." The common-sense evangelist replied, "Not so, sir. We will stand right here and pass buckets and pray hard all the time we are doing so."

## Sam's Summary

Well, this is TOPS! The very first time this year that I've broken out of that little box and into the clear. And what a great feeling it is, too! Thanks ever so much, everybody. You made it possible.

But we still have a job to do. Even with such a wonderful month, I am still short \$2,000 for the first ten months of this fiscal year. And that year ends May 31st. Let's see if we can't boost this month and next enough to have the budget absolutely met by the end of the year, shall we? It will take \$3,500 each month. We'll all have to help.

Yours for success in Him,

Sam

The Newsette

